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1. On 25 July 1955, several units of the artillery brigade left the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (5443) and Grandenburg in the wood and proceeded southward. Judging from the number of windows lighted at dusk, the installation was 35 percent occupied.
2. At about 2200 on 24 July, the units in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne were alerted. At 0300 on 25 July, the units left with field kitchen equipment toward the town. The following equipment and personnel was observed: 120 trucks, 33 tractors with T-40 chassis, 16 two-wheel 203 mm howitzers, 5 field kitchens, 6 field offices, and 100 soldiers. The vehicles carried a small number of soldiers. After the departure of the units, the installation was occupied by only a rear detail.
3. At 1600 on 20 July, approximately 72 trucks towing 4 field kitchens and 3 M-13 rocket launchers passed through Genthin and proceeded toward Rathenow. Some of the trucks carried personnel and billeting equipment. [redacted] At 1930, the column entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow.
4. On 20 July, a column of approximately 60 trucks carrying furniture and some 600 soldiers, 3 field kitchens, 3 M-13 trucks, and 4 repair shop trucks was seen in Rathenow. No guns were observed. The units entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443), the Pioneer Kaserne (5442), and the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow.

1. Comment. Large elements of the 124th Rv How Arty Brig are quite definitely believed to have left the post for exercises. Since no loadings were observed, the units apparently transferred by road, possibly to Altengrabow or to the Brandenburg Forest, northwest of Brandenburg.
2. Comment. The rear details of the 6th Arty Div, which left the three Waldkaserns on 29 July, may have returned to the post. Since the returning units apparently included major elements of the 5th Gds RL Brig, there is reason to believe that units of the brigade, the departure of which had not been observed, had in the meantime vacated the Altengrabow Rv road.

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